COCHIN HARBOUR—SHIPS ANCHORED—1112 AND 1113.

66. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of ships that anchored in the Cochin Harbour in the year 1112 and 1113?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: 774 Steamships have entered the Harbour during 1936—37 (March to March) and 695 during 1937—38.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Why this reduction of 79? Is it on account of the reduction of import of sugar?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: That need not be. Figures generally vary.

COCHIN HARBOUR—EXPENDITURE REGARDING.

67. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total amount of capital expenditure incurred on the Cochin Harbour till now by our Government;

(*b*) has our Government any controlling voice in the preparation of the Harbour Budget;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, who are the Government officers that are deputed to scrutinise the Budget?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: (*a*) About Rs. 41·5 lakhs. (Government have also advanced about Rs. 57·13 lakhs towards the fourth stage works including the purchase of a new dredger.)

(*b*) Government have representation on the Harbour Advisory Committee which has a controlling voice in the preparation of the Harbour Budget.

(*c*) The Secretary to Government and the Advocate-General represent the Government on the Advisory Committee.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Who prepares the Budget?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: The Department prepares it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Have these, our Members, any power other than our Standing Finance Committee in this Council?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar. Not the same. They offer their advice. It is only an Advisory Committee. We can only give our advice and suggestions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Have these Members given any advice and were any changes made on account of their advice during the last budget?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: I cannot give the details now.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Is the Government aware of any advice that has not been respected?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: No.

COCHIN HARBOUR—FOURTH STAGE WORK—PROGRESS OF.

68. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

how far has the fourth stage of the Harbour work progressed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar: The hon'ble member's attention is drawn to para 7 of the Diwan's opening speech in the Council on 14th July 1938.

ARABIC LECTURER—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—APPOINTMENT OF.

69. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether an Arabic Lecturer has been appointed in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(*b*) the number of Muslim students studying in the College classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: (*a*) No.

(*b*) 31.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Will the hon'ble member kindly inform the House whether the time has not come for the appointment of an Arabic Lecturer in the Maharaja's College?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: The very fact that the Government have not yet considered it itself shows that the time has not arrived.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: In as much as the number of Muslim students is as large as 31, does not the hon'ble member think that it should show some more sympathy than was done in the previous answers in this House when this question was raised?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is absolutely no want of sympathy. The hon'ble member says the number of Muslim students is as large as 31. Government believe it is as small as 31 for making an appointment which affects not only the revenues of the State but also on the pension. In the second place, Sir, for the information of the hon'ble member, I may say that similar requests have been received from other communities. For instance there are High Schools in Cochin which teach Tamil and quite a large number of students who ought to have

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